**Colons**

1. Which one of the following statements is **not** correct?

a) Use a colon to introduce a list.

b) Use a colon to introduce a thought.

c) Use a colon after the words *such as* or *including*.

d) Use a colon after an independent clause that introduces something.

2. Which one of the following sentences uses colons **incorrectly**?

a) There are two good reasons to go to college: to gain new knowledge and to be successful.

b) Jeremy's favorite hobbies: fishing, skiing, and watching television.

c) Michelle knew what she had to do: quit her job.

d) The following are attractive qualities: confidence, charm, humor, and good manners.

3. Which one of the following sentences uses colons **incorrectly**?

a) I can think of something better to do, such as: taking a walk or reading a book.

b) The recipe called for a rare ingredient: truffles.

c) Jarrod already knew what his answer would be: yes.

d) You should bring the following to the exam: two pencils, a bluebook, a calculator, and a dictionary.

4. Which one of the following sentences uses colons **incorrectly**?

a) We need the following things at the campground: bottled water, a stove, and matches.

b)The best rides were: Superman, Colossus, and Freefall.

c) I left some items on the counter for you: fish food, dog food, and a key to the mailbox.

d) Henry’s car was vandalized, and three things were stolen: his CD case, his jacket, and his stereo.

5. Which one of the following sentences uses colons **incorrectly**?

a) I have a great job for you: editing my new book.

b) You'll never guess who was at the company picnic: Jerry Seinfeld!

c) Susan's desk contained: old love letters, a diary, and five dried-up ballpoint pens.

d) Hedy found the secret to a lasting marriage: honesty.

6. Which one of the following sentences uses colons **incorrectly**?

a) Your backpack must contain: a bed roll, sleeping bag, camp stove, matches, canteen, mess kit, whistle, compass, emergency blanket, and first-aid kit.

b) This restaurant serves my favorite breakfast items: eggs Benedict, French toast, and breakfast burritos.

c) When you left, you forgot your toiletries in the bathroom: your toothbrush, your contact solution, and your razor.

d) When I checked my grades online, I found that I earned good grades this quarter: A in English, A- in sociology, A- in statistics, and A in weightlifting.

7. Which one of the following sentences uses colons **incorrectly**?

a) Guess what we're having for dinner: crab legs!

b) To make good soup, add: salt, pepper, onions, and celery.

c) Flora has a job for you: washing her car.

d) I like rock bands from the 1980s: Van Halen, Guns and Roses, White Snake, and Warrant.

8. Select the punctuation mark that needs to be added to this sentence.  
  
My office was filthy papers littered the floor, books covered the desk, and dust covered the shelves.

a) semicolon

b) colon

c) comma

d) no punctuation mark is needed

9. Select the punctuation mark that needs to be added to this sentence.   
  
I purchased the supplies for the trip snacks, batteries, clothes, and tents.

**a) semicolon**

**b) colon**

c) comma

d) no punctuation mark is needed

10. Select the punctuation mark that needs to be added to this sentence.  
  
Pick up all of your clothes socks, pants, shirts, and sweaters.

a) semicolon

b) colon

c) comma

d) no punctuation mark is needed